



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

Indiana State Organization



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News

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DONNA KIDA

**Greetings, Alpha Sigma!**

It is August 1 as I write this. Back when I was in grade school, eons ago, we would still have another month of summer vacation. School did not start until after Labor Day; our vacation seemed endless. My family had a cottage at Bass Lake at that time, and we would come from Illinois to escape the city. Swimming, bike riding, and long walks were favorite activities. For any of you who might remember, the Dude Ranch provided horseback riding. For this city girl, it was a marvelous time.

Fast forward to 1980, when I began teaching. School started in August, so by the end of July I was

getting excited about the coming year. I would make my obligatory shopping trip to a teachers' store, purchasing a variety of items that I hoped would help my students learn the necessary material. Once I could get into my classroom, I would sit in my chair just looking around the room. Placement of tables and other furniture was critical, as well as allowing for traffic flow. My husband would cringe at the words, "Honey, I have an idea on how I want to arrange my room." Everything had to be perfect.

Over my 34 years of teaching, how I would arrange my room and what I would buy changed with the times. What never changed was

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## Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## Our Next Meeting:

Saturday

September 17, 2022

9:00 AM Central

NJSP HS Media Center

Program: Chapter Chat with Stephanie Walsh, Indiana State Organization President

Roll Call: Favorite DKG Program or Activity

Opening Thought: Margaret Radtke

Media Review: Susan Norwich

Refreshments: Donna Rowe and Jody Arndt

Closing Thought: Marilyn Lukac

*Schools for Africa Collection*

## Dates to Remember

Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting

September 17, 2022

NJSP HS Media Center

State Executive Board Meeting

September 24, 2022

Indianapolis, Indiana

Janet O'Neal Seminar

November 25, 2022

Columbia City, Indiana

State Convention

April 28-30, 2023

Evansville, Indiana

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my excitement over the first day of school. The night before, I would have trouble sleeping. My mind would keep going over the mental checklist I had for that first day, and I would wonder how well my new students and I would work together. And, yes, ready or not, the students would walk through that door at the appointed time.

For those of you currently teaching, enjoy not only that first day, but the whole year. I know you have challenges I never saw. Find that support group among your fellow teachers where you can vent (and you will need to vent). Take care of yourself. Most of all, look for the good in all of the students placed on your roster. Retired teachers, offer your support to those in the trenches. Keep abreast of current legislation. If you can, volunteer at school, because, yes, you still have it!

Best wishes for this new school year. Hope to see you all at our first meeting on September 17!

*Donna*

## Heather Quinn Inducted



Heather Quinn, Dean of Students at Oregon-Davis School Corporation was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International on Saturday, May 14, at the Country Kettle in Knox. She was sponsored by Susan Norwich.

## Carlee Receives Grant-in-Aid Check



Carlee Blackburn was the guest of honor at the Alpha Sigma *Fun, Food, and Fellowship* meeting in Rochester on June 18, 2022, and received her grant-in-aid check for \$1,000.

Carlee attends Grace College and is majoring in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is also a member of the Council for Exceptional Children. She worked with third grade students at Lincoln Elementary in Warsaw. Carlee was especially pleased to be placed in Lincoln because the principal was her first-grade teacher, the person who influenced her to become a teacher.

While in the third-grade classroom, Carlee worked with small groups in reading and social studies as well as helping with silent reading stations. She monitored and helped children and did some grading. While only 20 hours were required, Carlee devoted 46 hours to third grade.



## Dina D'Andrea, Chapter Liaison



Indiana State Organization Scholarship Chairman and chapter liaison Dina D'Andrea attended the *Fun, Food and Fellowship* meeting in Rochester, on June 18. She explained some of the scholarships available to DKG members. Of special interest were the travel scholarships for those members who are 55 or older and scholarships for advanced education degrees.

## Woman of Distinction Award

State President Stephanie Walsh requests that nominations for "Woman of Distinction" be sent to her on or before March 1, 2023. To be considered for this award, the nominee must be a DKG member who has excelled in areas other than DKG or who has received a special award. The nominee has to have exhibited the quality cited or received the award in 2022. Nomination forms are available on the Indiana State Organization website:  
<https://www.dkgindiana.org>

## Donna Kida CASA Award Winner

Current president Donna Kida was one of the 2020 CASA Award Winners for 2020 given by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. Although it was awarded for 2020, it was not announced until the meeting this June due to pandemic meeting restrictions. Donna has worked with CASA for over four years and has assisted in improving the outcomes of multiple CHINS (Children in need of services). Congratulations, Donna!

## Indiana Hot Topics

Hot Topic Zoom Sessions will continue with a session on August 11. The sessions are free and participants can earn PGPs. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to [IndianaDKG@gmail.com](mailto:IndianaDKG@gmail.com). A link will be sent to you prior to the meeting. No topic has been announced at this time.

## Janet O'Neal Seminar

The Janet O'Neal Seminar will take place on November 25, 2022, in Columbia City, Indiana. The seminar will feature Dr. Lorie Desautels who will speak about *Connecting the Brain for Learning*. Registration forms are available on the Indiana State Organization website under Forms. Registration ends October 1. There is a \$25 registration fee.  
<https://dkgindiana.org>

There will be two breakout sessions in the afternoon. The first session will be "Quick Techniques for Stress Release and Relaxation" and the second session will be a tour of Indiana's newest high school.

This presentation has received the Lucille Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

## 2022 Grant-in-Aid Recipient

Mia Mitmoen, a senior at North Judson-San Pierre High School, was the recipient of the 2022 Grant-in-Aid awarded by the Alpha Sigma Chapter. In her personal essay, she mentioned two teachers who helped her overcome reading and self-esteem problems, one of whom was Alpha Sigma member JoAnn Gappa.



Mia will be attending Grace College majoring in elementary education. She looks forward to being a teacher who can help children with learning and self-esteem issues to emulate the two teachers who assisted her so ably. Mia will receive her check for \$1,000 next June after completing her first year of college.

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